(b) the dates on which discussions were held between the officers of DRDO and National Security Guard (NSG) regarding their inventions during the last two years alongwith the outcome thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government on the inventions of the DRDO and how useful they are for the police?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) : (a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Ministry of Defence, is primarily engaged in the development of systems, products and technologies for Armed Forces. It has developed a number of systems/technologies during the last four years. These include missiles; Unmanned Aerial Vehicle; radars; electronic warfare systems; naval systems; combat vehicles; infrared seeker; sensors; NBC decontamination suits; parachutes; propellants and explosives; detonators; composite materials; fuel cells; paints; antennas, communication systems; etc.

(b) The meeting between Heads of Departments of DRDO and Director General NSG was held on 16.05.2009. Subsequently, exchange of views took place at lower levels. DRDO showed some of their items and also saw a few operational equipments of NSG.

(c) Inventions of DRDO are useful. Some of their inventions are being used by Central Police Forces.

More powers to BSF to check illegal trade on borders

676. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to give more powers to BSF to check illegal trade on borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received representations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action contemplated by Government on such representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under Section 43 of Arms Act.

(c) No representation has been received from BSF. However, BSF has offered comments on the proposal of conferring powers under Section 43 of Arms Act.

(d) Does not arise.

Security review meeting with officers of North-Eastern States

677. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has held a security review meeting with Home Secretaries and DGPs of North-Eastern States in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;